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Position	SUPPORT

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ATTN: Mr. Chair, Mr. Vice Chair and Members of the Environment & Transportation Committee

With local the farms facing declining revenues and development pressure, we must take innovative—yet reasonable—actions to provide new opportunities for growth and prosperity.

Agritourism is a primary means of providing new revenue opportunities for our farms.

We support adding "special events and occasions" to the state's agritourism definition. On-farm activities have become increasingly popular, and it's important to codify their inclusion in agritourism to provide guidance to local agencies as they work to accommodate new activities that support a farm's profitability.

We urge your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

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